

REMARKS

Claims 1-55 are pending in the application. As indicated by the Examiner in an Interview Summary mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 10, 2003, in a telephone discussion on September 9, 2003, Examiner proposed claim amendments for claims 1, 6, 8, 51, and 53 to overcome rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, paragraph 2 that remain after an Amendment filed at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 11, 2003 in response to the First Office Action dated April 9, 2003. Agreement to claim amendments to overcome the rejections was reached in the telephone discussion. Applicants thank the Examiner for the helpful, proposed, claim amendments. Accordingly, claims 1, 6, 8, 51, and 53 are being amended per the agreed upon claim amendments. Parallel claims 11, 16, 18, 21, 26, 28, 31, 36, 38, 41, 46, 48, and 52 are being amended in a similar manner. Applicants submit that the claims should now be in condition for allowance under 35 U.S.C. §112, paragraph 2.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims (Claims 1-55) are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,
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